

# RAAV SAVINGS

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Warracknabeal Ambulance Station 1970

## Happenings at the December (Christmas) Meeting @ Doncaster

On Wednesday 11th December we met for the Christmas meeting and Lunch at the Doncaster Headquarters of Ambulance Victoria with 62 members and partners attending.

The formal part of the meeting was, as usual, opened by President, Chas Martin who welcomed all and invited Ambulance Victoria, CEO Greg Sasella to bestow the annual Life Membership Awards to four of our members. These being Frank McNeill, Colin Arscott, Bert Martin and Noel Owen, who through distance could not attend on the day.

This was followed by the various reports on the activities and action of the Association for the proceeding quarter.

The Membership report shows a continuing increase in our membership with a new member joining at the rate of almost one a week. Total Membership now stands at 212 Members.

Our financial position is also in a healthy state with the working account standing at \$1789.00 and the Term Deposit at \$7288,65

The year is closing with the promise of continuing development both in increasing membership and the expansion of further meeting bases in more areas of the state.

Following the formal agenda we were graced with the respected journalists Barry Cassidy and Heather Ewart

who gave us a very interesting and informative discussion on their lives and adventures through the many international and local locations they have reported from.

Following many questions we were again invited to partake lunch provided by Pauline and Staff of AV.

Finally President Chas, wished all an enjoyable and happy festive season and encouraged all to join us again throughout 2014 for another year of growth for the Association.

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## South West (Christmas) Meeting Notes

The final meeting for the year of the Association in the SW was held in Warrnambool on Monday 2nd December at Macies Bistro. This was the Christmas meeting and gave all members to wish Seasons Greetings to fellow members and wives.

The meeting was attended by 12 members and 9 wives

with 4 apologies.

Secretary Ian Cameron attended the meeting and brought all members up to date with the latest news from the Association. The proceedings stated at 12 noon and were officially finished around 2.30pm, however some members were still in conversation well after

that time. A good time was held by all.

All members in the SW would like to take the opportunity to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ray Lougheed  
SW Convenor

### Meeting Date for 2014 - All Areas

Doncaster- A V Headquarters	Saturday 26th June
All meetings start at 10.30am	Saturday 29th November
Wednesday March 5th	
Wednesday June 4th	Ballarat -
Wednesday September 3rd	Tuesday 18th March, 2pm at
Wednesday December 3rd	the Tram Museum. Further
	dates still to be organised
South West -	
All meetings start at 12 Noon	Geelong -
Monday March 3rd - Hamilton	First Meeting Start 12 noon on
Monday June 2 Warrnambool	Wednesday February 19th @
Monday Sept 1st - Hamilton	Geelong RSL 50 Barwon Heads
Monday Dec15 Warrnambool	Rd Belmont (Mel: 451 K11)
North East - Benalla	Morwell -
All meetings start at 12 Noon	First Meeting Start 12 noon on
at the Benalla Bowls Club	Wednesday 19th March. Venue
Saturday 29th March	still to be decided.

Throughout the year the Committee will assess the benefits of expanding our Membership and meeting bases into more areas of the State.

### On The Sick List

We send our best wishes to those members who are not in the best of health at present. Especially: Alf Monk, Drew Haldane, Marty Moran, Brian Shott & Les Hotchin.

Colin Arscott receiving his Life Membership Award from CEO Greg Sasella



### New Constitution

Should any Member wish to view or obtain a copy of the new Constitution and Rules including the By-Laws please notify Secretary Ian and he will arrange your requirements

### Help Needed

### What ever happened to???

Could any member give us an idea as to where Clarrie Salvador and Roy Rider, may be found, both former AO's from the South West Help needed also in tracking down John Brauner and Steve Hutchins AO's from Metro.

If you would like to find an old work mate who is not a member maybe another member may know the whereabouts of him/her.

Just drop us a note/email and we will endeavour to locate the now missing colleague. If possible include details of last known address or Branch that they worked at.

### Subscription Payments

When or if you make a direct deposit or bank transfer to our account please include your name or Member Number so that we can correctly credit your payment.

Otherwise you may get an account for late subscriptions which you have paid but not correctly identified and PLEASE notify our Secretary Ian Cameron when paid and amount of payment

### North East Information and Report

The final meeting of our North East Members was held on Saturday 30th November at the Benalla Bowls Club where 28 Members and Partners attended lunch and the usual gossip from the region.

During the course of the day we discovered that some-one had notified the local radio station of the upcoming event and several members made

mention of having heard the broadcast. This in turn re-united us with retiree Donald Pollard of Wangaratta whom we had tried to locate through our members

We were made aware that 2 or 3 other former staff members also heard the broadcast but were unable to attend on the day. We look forward to renewing friendships during 2014.

All the members of the North East send best wishes to the rest of the State and look forward to continuing the growth of the Association in our area.

The first meeting for 2014 will again be at the Benalla Bowls Club on Sat 29 March 12 noon.

Jim Osmotherley  
Convenor

Bert Martin receiving his Life Membership Award from CEO Greg Sasella



## New Life Members

On Wednesday 11th December we inducted 4 new Life Members. Ambulance Victoria CEO Greg Sasella presented the awards to Colin Ascott, Bert Martin and Frank Mc Neill. The fourth award was accepted by Chas Martin on behalf of Noel Owen as he could not make the presentation due to the travel involved from Queensland.

## Tired Dog !!!

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me. I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walking down the hall, curled up in the corner and went to sleep

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.. greeted me in the yard, summed his spot in the hall and about an hour. for several weeks.



Curious I pinned a note to out who the owner of this wonderful dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every day your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

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his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every day your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a house with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3. He is trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

## Brain Teasers ??

Q 1: T/F: Sam Poo was a Chinese bushranger?

Q 2:The first Rugby League World Cup was hosted by what country?

Q 3: Which British Queen led the Iceni Tribe against the Romans?

Q 4: Who was the first player to kick a goal at Docklands Stadium?

Q 5: How did Melbourne Cup winner Arwon get his name?

Q 6 : In maths, what is the number obtained by dividing one quantity by another?

Q 7: In older day. Which Australian sweets were rolled down the aisles at cinemas?

Q 8: What is said to be mightier than the sword?

## Quick Quiz

## Guest Speakers

Have heard an interesting speaker or been told about someone who has an fascinating story? Know of an organisation with that latest 'must have' product? Perhaps it is just 'I'd like to know about that' type of subject

If so give Ian Cameron a call on 8503 7745 or email [i.cameron@y7mail.com](mailto:i.cameron@y7mail.com) with any information.

## Ballarat Happenings

The final meeting of the Ballarat Group for 2013 was held at the Robin Hood Hotel Bistro on Tuesday 19th November. Unfortunately due to a number of members being unable to attend only 3 members able to attend.

However we remain positive that the situation will improve throughout this year and with the support from the Commit-

tee and members in the Ballarat area we will increase our numbers at these gatherings. The next meeting for Ballarat will follow a slightly different path with Tuesday 18th March, 2pm @ the Tram Museum with a tour of the Museum and followed by afternoon tea. Further meeting dates for 2014 will be decided at this meeting.

## New Members

We are proud to welcome the following new Members to our Association.

Donald Pollard - Wangaratta  
Phillip Matthews - Kilsyth

CEO Greg Sasella presenting Frank Mc Neill with his Life Membership Award



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## Your Committee

- President  
**Chas Martin**
- Vice President  
**Peter Leek**
- Secretary  
**Ian Cameron**
- Treasurer  
**Darrell Rintoule**
- Committee  
**Bill McKnight**  
**Ron Jacobs**  
**Graham Ryan**

## Purchased vs. Homemade

This will bring a smile

Six year old Annie returns home from school and says she had her first family planning lesson at school.  
Her mother, very interested, asks; "How did it go?"  
"I nearly died of shame!" she answers.  
"Sam from over the road, says that the stork brings babies.  
Sally next door said you can buy babies at the orphanage.  
Pete in my class says you can buy babies at the hospital."  
Her mother answers laughingly, "But that's no reason to be ashamed."



"No, but I can't tell them that we were so poor that you and daddy had to make me yourselves!"

## The Back Page

An Airline introduced a special package for Business men.  
Buy your ticket, get your wife's ticket free.  
After great success, the company sent letters to all the wives asking how was the trip.  
All of them gave the same reply..."What trip?"



Cool message by a wife  
Dear Mother-in-law,  
"Don't teach me how to

handle my children, I'm living with one of yours & he needs a lot of improvement"



Nobody teaches volcanoes to erupt,  
Tsunamis to devastate,  
Hurricanes to swirl around  
& no one teaches a man how to choose a wife.  
Natural disasters just happen.

## Guest Speaker @ Doncaster

For our March Meeting we will be enthralled by Len Martin, Brother of Chas, who will enlighten us of his exploits in South East Asia

## Answers to the Brain Teasers

- Q1 - True (Hanged in 1865)
- Q2 - France
- Q3 - Boudicca Boadicea
- Q4 - Michael Long
- Q5 - Nowra (Where he was born) Backwards
- Q6 - Quotient
- Q7 - Jaffas
- Q8 - The pen